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SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT OF CAPTURED U.S. EQUIPMENT FROM VIETNAM

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1. EC COUNSELOR DISCUSSED THE SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL WITH DAY. HE STATES THAT HE PICKED UP THE STORY FROM ROBERT DONNELLY, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO IN SINGAPORE, WHERE IT WAS CIRCULATING LAST SUMMER. DAY CONFIRMED DONNELLY AS THE SOURCE TODAY AND DONNELLY EXPRESSED HIS WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS IT WITH EMBASSY SINGAPORE OFFICIALS.

2. DAY SAID DONNELLY SPECIFIED THAT THE STORY HAD CIRCULATED WIDELY IN SINGAPORE AND THAT IN SUBSTANCE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT FROM VIETNAM WAS BEING REHABILITATED AND SOLD TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION AT 10 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR. THE STORY HAD PERHAPS BEEN EMBELLISHED IN TELLING, ACCORDING TO DAY, SO THAT U.S. NATIONALS WERE SAID TO BE INVOLVED AND SOME SALES WERE BEING MADE TO THE USG; DONNELLY WOULD NOT CONFIRM EITHER POINT AS BEING PART OF THE ORIGINAL STORY.

3. WE SUSPECT THIS IS AGED GOSSIP, CAREFULLY POLISHED AND SLANTED BY EACH BEARER TO CAST REFLECTIONS ON THE USG. HOWEVER, YOU MAY WISH TO PURSUE IT WITH EMBASSY SINGAPORE.
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